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SUBJECT: BELGIAN/ZAIRIAN RELATIONS: NO CHANGE

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1. ZAIRE MEDIA MARCH 27 CONTINUED TO ATTACK BELGIUM OVER CHOME BOOK. AZAP, NOTING THAT SOME BELGIANS IN ZAIRE HAVE PETITIONED GOB TO WITHDRAW BOOK FROM CIRCULATION, COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS WORTHY INITIATIVE BUT IT WOULD NOT SOFTEN ZAIRE'S STAND.

2. QUESTION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES "ENTOURAGE" OF MOBUT (REFTEL) NOT CLEAR.

3. ON MARCH 26 BELGIAN DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO MEET WITH ZAIRIAN COUNTERPARTS (INCLUDING DIRGEN IN DEPT OF EDUC) TO DISCUSS UNIVERSITY PROBLEMS. BELGIAN COUNSELOR ADAM TAKES THIS TO MEAN MOBUTU'S BAN ON OFFICIAL TALKS WITH GOB OFFICIALS APPLIES ONLY TO VERY HIGH LEVEL ZAIRIANS. ON THE OTHER HAND, DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN DEPT FONAFF HAS MENTIONED TO US HE WOULD JUST AS SOON BELGIAN OFFICIALS NOT APPROACH HIM FOR FEW DAYS UNTIL DUST SETTLES.

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4. ADAM TELLS US GOB/GOZ EXCHANGES ON CHOME AFFAIR PASS THROUGH ZAIRIAN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS. GOB'S INFO MESSAGES INDICATE GOZ HAS REGJECTED GOB EXPLANATION THAT BELGIAN LAW DOES NOT PERMIT ADMINISTRATIVE SEIZURE OF BOOKS (EXCEPT PORNOGRAPHIC) AND HAS ACCUSED BELGIAN OFFICIALS OF EVADING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

5. ADAM HAS HEARD SAME RUMORS WE HAVE ABOUT POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST BELGIAN EMBASSY. HE IS LESS INCLINED THAN WE TO BELIEVE MOBUTU WILL HOLD MPR IN CHECK. BELGIANS RECALL 1967 DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THEIR EMBASSY WHICH THEY PRESUME HAD MOBUTU'S BLESSING. THEY ALSO SEE SIGNIFICANCE IN FACT THAT MPR YOUTH IN BELGIUM HAVE (ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS) BEEN INSTRUCTED TO AVOID PUBLIC PLACES.  
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